

## **ST. LORENZO RUIZ SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on February 13, 2024, at the St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School, Red Deer.

**Attendees:** Rob Coumont -Principal

Stephanie

Kelly

Ashley

Melissa

Connie

Monica

Tolu

Kyle Visser

**Regrets:** Trustee Cynthia

The meeting was called to order at 6.34 p.m.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved by Melissa. The motion was seconded by Monica Niederle.

Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting held on January 18, 2024

Approved by Melissa

### **Opening Prayer**

Almighty and Ever-living God

You invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent.

May this time be one of outward focus;

seeking You in those we often ignore.

Help us live a Lent focused on compassion, generosity and empathy.

Give us hearts hungry to serve You

and those who need what we have to give.

### **Land Acknowledgement**

St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School would like to acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 territory, a traditional meeting grounds, gathering place, and traveling route to the Cree, Saulteaux (So-toe), Blackfoot, Metis, Dene and Nakota Sioux. We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Metis and Inuit whose steps have marked this land for centuries. We are grateful to the elders who came before and are with us today for the wisdom they provide.

### **Committees:**

#### **3. Principal's Report:**

##### **Principal Rob Coumont presented his report.**

3.1 IPD – Donation: \$3000 was used to purchase skates for Physical Education. 36 skates were purchased. This has been a success as some students who have never skated or have not done so in a long time have been able to do so.

CTF Tools to promote Career Pathways: \$1000.00 was used to purchase various items. These include nail guns, nail guns (air compressor), spade bits, squares, Dremel, Air nozzle, Router bits and Drill Bits..

Alberta Education Assurance Measures and Schollie Survey:

The survey is being completed with staff and Grade 7 families. Please encourage Grade 7 families to complete the survey as the data collected is very important.

3.2 School Fees:

The CTF Option Fee of \$25.00. An example of how this was used was in purchasing pink T-shirts. The graphic design students design the logo for the pink T-shirts.

Student activities fee/School Council Fee of \$15:00

Locks & Locker Fee - This is a one-time fee of \$11.00. This money is being collected as St. Lorenzo is a new school and it will be inappropriate to accept locks that the students had in their former schools. This fee will not be collected in future except in the event of a loss.

Band fee of \$20

Basketball/Volleyball Fees: There is a difference between the junior and senior volleyball and basketball teams. This difference is because Carded officials are required for seniors' teams. The fees for volleyball and basketball are for buses, officials and tournaments. These fees are comparable.

### 3.3 Professional Development (PD) Day on February 2, 2024

The topics included:

Authentic Learning: focus on Career Pathways: how teachers within the city of options an awareness of students about the different pathways

Self-Directed PD with topics such as:

ISP Data Tracking

-A.I. Tools

New LA Curriculum: Morphology

Faith in the Science Classroom

Coding

Brain Matters Documentary

Authentic Science Projects

### 3.4 Flying with the Golden Eagles:

Mr. Coumont showed a clip of this week's podcast. The podcast is being developed by the Design Tech Classes and Mr. Ledrew and the video with the assistance of Mrs. Griffin. This week's podcast featured the Senior Girls Basketball Team. The link to the podcast is sent out via 'Week at a Glance.'

### 3.5 Temporary Move of St Gregory Middle School Grades to SLR

The Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools Board of Trustees recently approved a Senior Administration recommendation to have select middle school grade levels at St. Gregory the Great school in Blackfalds to St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School in September 2024. St Gregory the Great Catholic school is currently over capacity. This move was addressed at an open house held on February 7th. Over 300 attendees were at the open house held at SLR. There are four options being proposed. They are as follows:

Option A – Move Grades 7, 8 and 9 to SLR

Option B – Move the entire school to SLR (Grades 6, 7, 8 and 9)

Option C – Move Grades 6, 7 and 8 next year while Grade 9 remains at St Gregory for the year. Following this, all the middle school students will move to SLR.

Option D – Move Grades 7 and 8 next year while Grade 9 completes middle school at St. Gregory.

## 4. Trustee's Report:

Mr. Coumont read the report in Cynthia Leyson's absence. Division-wide meeting was held. The focus is on the budget and the new school planned for Blackfalds. The opening is scheduled to take place in September 2027.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report:**

##### a. Revenue

- i. School Council Fees - \$ 3100
- ii. VIP fundraiser - \$604.50
- iii. School Fees being collected
  - iv. Dance – Donations have been received for the decorations, including the backdrop. Students will be asked to pay \$1 for photographs at the Polaroid booth.
  - v. Halloween Treat Raffle - \$239.00 was received (projected budget was \$300.00).

##### b. Expenses

- i. VIP fundraiser - \$2385.50
- ii. Field Trips - \$7500
- iii. Staff Appreciation Day - \$700.00
- iv. Shrove Tuesday - Shrove Tuesday was held on February 13. It was under-budget – the estimated budget was \$400.00. The total expense was \$201.32 +GST
- v. School Dance - \$500.00

#### **6. Secretary's Report:**

Tolu was nominated as the new Secretary. All present voted in favor and Tolu was elected as the new Secretary.

##### 4.4 Faith Report:

- a. Voting New Position: There is an opening for the Faith Committee Member. This position remains unfilled. Will continue to communicate to parents to fill this position.

#### **7. Fundraising Event Coordinator:**

Funding for Field Trips – Potential donors are being sought.

The School Advisory Council's Apparels - Hoodie, Crewneck and T-shirts - for the opening year of St Lorenzo Ruiz School have been ordered. These were designed by Grade 9 students. Some of the feedback received was the omission of the year from the wear.

**8. New Business:**

- a. Staff Appreciation: Staff appreciation day will be held on a Professional Development Day. This will be held on May 17, 2024.
- b. School Photographs – Will review the feedback received with Edge Photography.

**9. Other Announcements:**

**10. Next meeting**

There will be no meeting on March 21, 2024 due to the Parent-Teacher interviews.

The next meeting will be from 6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. on April 18, 2024 at St. Lorenzo Ruiz School.

Subsequent meeting will be on May 16, 2024. There is no meeting planned for June 20, 2024, except if the need arises.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.